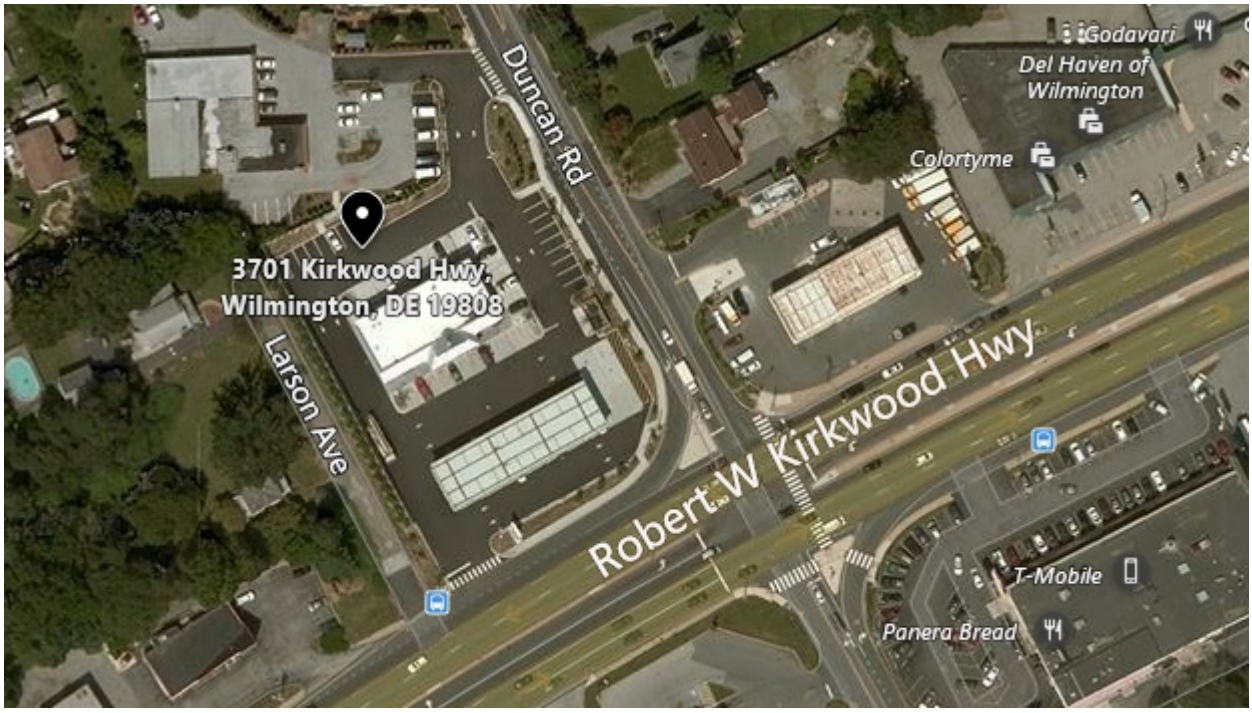
Troopers Investigating Royal Farms Armed Robbery – Wilmington



Wilmington (19808) – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating the armed robbery of a Wilmington area Royal Farms that took place early Sunday morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 1:30 a.m., Sunday, August 5, 2018 at the Royal Farms, located at 3701 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington. A suspect armed with a handgun, entered the store via the rear entrance doors and confronted an employee and five patrons at the sales counter. The suspect proceeded to order all of the patrons to get down on the floor, striking one of them in the head with the handgun in the process. The suspect then ordered the employee to turn over all the money from the register while pointing the gun directly at him. As the employee was gathering the money the suspect grew impatient and pulled the trigger, however the weapon did not fire. The employee ultimately turned over an

undisclosed amount of cash to the suspect who then fled through the rear doors of the business. The patron who was initially struck by the suspect was the only subject injured during the incident however medical treatment was declined.

The suspect was described as a black male, 6’0”-6’2”, 150-170 lbs., thin build, wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt, black pants, with a white cloth covering his face and in possession of a black, unknown make and model handgun

No surveillance images are available at this time.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Troop 2 Robbery Unit at 302-365-8566.

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Troopers Investigating Robbery at New Castle Area Motel



New Castle (19720) – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating an incident at a New Castle area motel in which the victim was pistol whipped and robbed.

The incident occurred at approximately 12:16 p.m., Sunday, August 5, 2018 at the Best Knight Inn located at 1200 West

Avenue, New Castle. A 30 year old Claymont man was on a second floor balcony of the motel when he was confronted by a suspect who was armed with a handgun. The suspect proceeded to strike the victim in the head and face with the handgun and then took an undisclosed amount of money from him before fleeing. The victim was treated at the Christiana Hospital for lacerations to his head and face.

Through further investigation Troopers obtained a search warrant for one of the motel rooms, resulting in the recovery of a fully loaded Smith & Wesson .38 revolver which is believed to be the weapon used in the assault.

The suspect was described as a black male, 40 years of age, 5'9", 175-200 lbs.,

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Troopers Investigating Carjacking – Bear



Bear – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a carjacking that took place in the parking lot of a Bear area shopping center Saturday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 9:00 pm., Saturday,

August 4, 2018 in the parking lot of the Food Lion, located at 1607 Pulaski Highway, Bear. A 24 year old Wilmington man had just left an event at the Greater Newark Boys & Girls Club and returned to his maroon, 2010 Nissan Maxima, which was parked in the Food Lion lot. As the victim sat in his vehicle he was confronted by an armed suspect who ordered him to get out of the vehicle and to turn over all his money. The victim complied with the demands at which time the suspect entered the Maxima and fled westbound on Pulaski Highway. The victim was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male, wearing a black t-shirt, blue jeans and in possession of a black unknown make and model handgun.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

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Troopers Investigating Armed Robbery – New Castle



New Castle (19720) – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating the armed robbery of a New Castle area 7-11 store, that took place early Friday morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 12:45 a.m., Friday, August 3, 2018 at the 7-11 convenience store, located at 284 Christiana Rd., New Castle, when a suspect armed with a

handgun confronted an employee at the sales counter and demanded cigarettes and money. The employee complied with the demand by turning over multiple packs of cigarettes and an undisclosed amount of cash to the suspect who then exited the store and was last seen fleeing on foot westbound towards Airport Rd. The employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect is described as a black male, 19-24 years of age, 6’0”-6’1”, 150-170 lbs., wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt, black pants, a black cloth covering the lower portion of his face and in possession of a black, unknown make and model handgun.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

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Update #2 Victim Identified Troopers Investigating a Fatal Pedestrian Crash Involving a Train – Newark



Newark – The Delaware State Police have identified Nicholas Kyritsis, 22, of Newark as the subject who was struck and killed by an Acela train on Saturday, August 4, 2018, on the southbound side of the railroad tracks underneath Redmill Road east of Newark.

Click on the following links to view related releases:

Troopers Investigating a Subject Struck by a Train – Newark

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Troopers Arrest Rehoboth Beach Man for Assault

Rehoboth Beach- The Delaware State Police have arrested a suspect after he ran a bicyclist off the road and assaulted him.

The incident occurred on Sunday, August 5, 2018 at approximately 11:12 a.m., when Troopers responded to the area of Plantation Road, south of Cedar Grove Road for an assault complaint. Upon arrival, Troopers made contact with a witness who advised he was driving on Plantations Road when he saw a man beating a cyclist with an object, and immediately called 911.

The victim, a 50-year-old man from Milton, remained on scene and advised he was riding his bike on Plantation Road south of Cedar Grove Road when a white work truck got really close to him and almost ran him off the road. The subject then drove by him and blew a loud horn next to him while he was riding his bike. The victim became startled and punched the driver's side window of the truck, not causing any damage. The operator of the truck stopped his vehicle in the middle of the roadway, got out, and grabbed an object from the bed of the truck, and attempted to strike the victim in the head. The victim was able to block the object with his forearm, causing him to sustain a laceration. The victim declined medical treatment at the scene.

The operator of the truck fled the scene, and was subsequently located in the Heritage Village development. Troopers made contact with the driver, 33-year-old **Matthew McDavid**, who was standing by the vehicle. McDavid was subsequently taken into custody without incident.

The object used to strike the victim, a large black in color wire/cable was recovered from the truck.

McDavid was transported back to Troop 7 where he was charged with Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony, Assault Second Degree, and Unattended Motor Vehicle. He was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and released on $3,001.00 unsecured bond.

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Vehicle Pursuit Leads to the Arrest of Two Suspects and Multiple Charges-Milton

Milton- The Delaware State Police have arrested two suspects after they shoplifted, fled the scene, and led police on a chase.

The incident occurred on Sunday, August 5, 2018 at approximately 7:06 p.m. when Troopers were provided with a description of a vehicle, an orange-colored Chevrolet Cobalt with PA registration, in which two suspects recently shoplifted in the Rehoboth Beach area and fled the scene.

A Trooper witnessed the suspect vehicle traveling northbound

on Coastal Highway (SR1) south of Milton, and a traffic stop was initiated on the northbound shoulder of SR1. Before the Trooper was able to make contact with the driver, the Cobalt accelerated and entered back into the right travel lane of SR1, and a pursuit ensued.

The Colbalt continued to travel northbound on the shoulder of SR1 and proceeded through the intersection at Broadkill Road (SR16), when it ran up onto a traffic island where it collided with an electric box. After striking the box, the Colbalt continued traveling northbound until its front end collided with the left side of a Mazda CX-5, which was traveling in the right turn lane of SR16 leading to northbound SR1. After colliding with the Cx-5, the Colbalt continued northbound on SR1 and collided with the right rear of a Ford Windstar, that was traveling in the right lane. After the second impact, the Colbalt exited the edge of SR1 and collided with a mailbox before coming to a final rest on the shoulder of northbound SR1. The suspects exited the Colbalt and fled the scene on foot. A brief foot pursuit ensued, and subsequently both suspects were taken into custody.

The driver of the Colbalt, identified as 23-year-old **Tajah L. Brooks** and his passenger, 22-year-old **Nafese A. Pierce** both of Philadelphia, PA, were transported by ambulance to the Beebe Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries.

The operator of the CX-5, a 56-year-old female and her 13-year-old passenger of Philadelphia, PA were properly restrained and transported to the Beebe Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries.

The operator of the Ford Windstar, a 41-year-old male of Philadelphia, PA, and his five passengers, ranging from ages 2-39 were all properly restrained and uninjured.

Tajah L. Brooks was charged with the following:

- Shoplifting (Felony)-2 counts

- Reckless Endangering -8 counts
- Vehicular Assault
- Resisting Arrest
- Disregard a Police Officer
- Aggressive Driving
- Reckless Driving
- Multiple Traffic Related Offense

Tajah L. Brooks was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on $18,426.00 cash only bond.

Nafese A. Pierce was charged with the following:

- Possession of Shoplifters Tools (Felony)
- Shoplifting (Felony)
- Conspiracy Second Degree
- Resisting Arrest

Nafese A. Pierce was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on $7,000.00 secured bond.

A search of the vehicle yielded stolen merchandise from the following stores:

- J. Crew
- CVS
- Kmart
- Nike
- Vans
- Zumiez
- Express
- Forever 21
- Clarks

Northbound SR1 at SR16 was rendered to one lane for approximately 2.5 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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Troopers Investigating Fatal

Crash – Newark



Newark – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a fatal crash that took place late Sunday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 11:46 p.m., Sunday, August 5, 2018 at the intersection of Glasgow Avenue and Summit Bridge Road (DE 896), Newark. A 2006 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, operated by a 26 year old Newark man was stopped at a red light in the left turn lane of Glasgow Ave., at the intersection with Summit Bridge Rd. A 2005 Honda Civic, operated by Derek R. Turner, 54, of Bear, was traveling westbound on Porter Rd., crossing over Summit Bridge Rd., to continue eastbound on Glasgow Ave. For an unknown reason the Honda drifted to the left and struck the Chevrolet head on.

Derek Turner was transported to the Christiana Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. Alcohol is being considered as a contributing factor on his behalf.

The operator of the Chevrolet was treated for non-life threatening injuries. Impairment on his behalf is not being considered as a contributing factor.

Glasgow Avenue was closed for approximately 3 hours as the

scene was investigated and cleared.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to contact Sgt. D. Alexander of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8484.

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Troopers Investigate Home Invasion-Dagsboro



Dagsboro –The Delaware State Police are investigating a home invasion that occurred early this morning north of Dagsboro.

The preliminary investigation has determined the incident occurred at approximately 2:20 a.m., Sunday August 5, 2018 when Troopers responded to the 30000 block of Power Plant Road, Dagsboro for a reported home invasion robbery. Upon arrival, contact was made with the victim, a 51-year-old male, who advised that someone knocked on his travel trailer door and when he opened the door five black male suspects armed with firearms and wearing masks forced their way into his residence. Two of the suspects held him at gunpoint while other suspects ransacked his trailer before removing his cell phone. Prior to fleeing the trailer one of the suspects struck the victim's head with a weapon causing a laceration to his

head. Another suspect then tied the victim. The suspects then fled in an unknown direction.

The victim was transported to a local area hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The suspects were described as five black males who entered his travel trailer and were all armed. The suspects were wearing all black clothing with their faces covered.

This case continues to remain under investigation and if anyone has information in reference to this incident, they are asked to please contact Detective D. Cathell, Troop 4 Criminal Investigative Unit at 302-856-5850. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

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Update Troopers Investigating a Fatal Pedestrian Crash Involving a Train – Newark



Newark – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a fatal crash involving a pedestrian and a train that occurred this afternoon east of Newark.

The preliminary investigation has determined the incident

occurred at 12:01 p.m., Saturday, August 4, 2018, on the southbound side of the railroad tracks underneath Redmill Road east of Newark.

A 22 year-old-man of Newark was standing near the right rail of the southbound rails directly underneath the Redmill Road overpass. According to the Amtrak train operator the victim was standing with his back to the Acela commuter train which was traveling southbound. It appears as though the victim was standing too close to the tracks when the train passed by and clipped the man. The victim was thrown in a southwest direction and the Acela commuter train continued south for approximately ¾ mile where it came to a stop. The train was carrying approximately 240 people. The operator on the train did not sustain any injuries and no other injuries were reported.

The victim was removed from the scene by EMS and transported to the Christiana Hospital with life-threatening injuries. The victim recently succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Troopers Investigating a Subject Struck by a Train – Newark

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